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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 7, 2005
AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2005 for the above-identified application. Applicants petition, under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), for a one-month extension of time, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the applicable extension fee to deposit account 50-0831.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-18, and 25-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed. The Office Action argues that there is no disclosure in the original specification for reducing the gas flow mixture rate in conjunction with increasing the oxidant:fuel ratio after having operated the reformer